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On Mon, 28 Sep 1998 15:43:48 -0400, "Richard" <feirstein@rmdtc.com> wrote:

>Don't you think Peter Stone Brown would make an ideal opening act for the PA, NJ, NYC concerts. I recommend cut >7 from his recent CD. It can be part >of a bobbydylan.com/RMD tribute performance; why not?

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I could not agree with you more. I wish Bob would let Peter open up for him... as long as Peter remembers all the little people.. :-)

Since someone decided to bring that up, I would like to make a short (which will probably end up long) mention about Mr. Brown in concert.

I recently had the opportunity to see Peter play in a small club just outside of Philadelphia and I have to tell you, I was amazed at the quality of the performance. He started out the show with a heartfelt performance of "Love Minus Zero/No Limit" and from there, it was pure magic.

Playing such Dylan songs as "She Belongs To Me" and "I Threw It All Away" and then attributing them to Ricky Nelson and Elvis Costello, respectively. And there were more! These are only small examples of the pure madness Mr Brown pulls out when he is on stage!

Apart from the brilliant onstage banter, the performances were absolutely stellar. Covering everything from Johnny Cash (Big River) and Bob Dylan (the aforementioned songs and many more) to Chuck Berry (Promised Land) and Dire Straits (a song whose title I can't seem to remember at this point in time), Peter and company put on one helluva show. He also included some songs from his album "Up Against It" like "You're Not There" (a personal favourite of mine) and "Matter of the Heart", along with others, and what really impressed me about these performances was that each of them seemed to take on a life of their own, separate from the recorded versions. Peter seemed to play these songs as if his life depended on them, and they came across with such power and honesty that no human being with any amount of soul or musical intelligence could deny their greatness.

Sorry for the rant there, and a longer review will follow the next time I have the pleasure of seeing Mr. Brown in concert, but suffice it to say that if you live in the NY NJ PA area, you should make the effort to find out where he's playing and go check it out. You WON'T be disappointed.

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"And I know that you know

That I know that you show

Something is tearing up your miiiiiiiiiiiiind:" - Bob Dylan